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POLLUTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction activities in Commonwealth Games sites has increased the pollution level in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to take several measures to bring down the level of pollution in view of forthcoming Commonwealth Games;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to reduce the vehicular pollution in Delhi which has reached alarming levels in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is monitoring ambient air quality in Delhi at 11 locations (4 continuous monitoring stations and 7 manual stations). The monitoring in Delhi by CPCB is being conducted with a view to assess overall ambient air quality and not specifically relating to construction activities of forthcoming Commonwealth Games in 2010. The Delhi Pollution Control Committee imposes specific conditions to contain fugitive dust emission due to construction activities while granting consent to establish.

(c) to (e): The various steps taken by the Government to reduce the air pollution in Delhi in view of the Commonwealth Games are mentioned below:

(i) Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is being used as fuel for public road transport.

(ii) Bharat Stage III emission norms for 4-wheelers in Delhi as well as Bharat Stage II emission norms for 2 & 3 wheelers have been made applicable w.e.f. 01-04-2005.

(iii) Bharat Stage IV emission norms for all categories of new four wheelers vehicles in Delhi as well as Bharat Stage III norms for new two and three wheelers have been notified for implementation with effect from 01-04-2010.

(iv) Augmentation of infrastructure, i.e., construction of flyovers, bridges, road networks and broadening of existing roads has been done.

(v) Introduction of Bus Rapid Transport corridors is in progress.

(vi) Augmentation of Mass Rapid Transport System (MRTS) including expansion of Delhi Metro Network has been undertaken.